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## ***Hudson River Fish in an Ever-changing Ecosystem***

Webinar Series February 25 to March 22, 2021

Hudson River Environmental Society and the Hudson River Foundation

### ***Part One: Overview of the Fishes of the Hudson River Estuary and the Connected Waters***

***February 25<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30***

- Welcome and Introduction to the Webinar Series (10 min) - *James Morrison, President Hudson River Environmental Society & Clay Hiles, Executive Director Hudson River Foundation*
- Biodiversity of the Hudson River Fish Community (25 min) - *John Waldman, Ph.D.*
- The Charismatic Species & Their Pathways through the Estuary (30 min) – *Karin Limburg, Ph.D.*
- Ecosystem Change and its Implications for Hudson River Fishes: An Overview (25 min) – *Christopher Solomon, Ph.D.*
- Audience Questions (20 minutes)

### ***Part Two: The Drivers of Change – Physical Alterations***

***March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:30-3:30***

- Intro (5 min) - *James Morrison, President Hudson River Environmental Society*
- Addressing Impacts of Power Generation on Fisheries Sustainability in the Hudson River (25 min). *John Boreman, Ph.D.*
- Morphological Changes to the Hudson River in the Past and Efforts to Reverse the Insult (25 min). *Daniel Miller*
- Barriers to Migration: Stress to Populations and Changing Public Perspective of Obsolete Dams (25 min). *George Jackman*
- Potential Stressors on the Horizon: Power Generation & Transmission, Storm Surge Barriers, and Anchorages. (25 min). *Heather Gierloff*
- Audience Questions (20 min)

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***Part Three: The Drivers of Change – Climate and Introduced Species  
March 8<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30***

- Intro (5 min). *Clay Hiles, Executive Director Hudson River Foundation*
- Ocean Warming and its Effects on Fish Populations in the Northeast United States (20 min.) *Katherine Mills, Ph.D.*
- Climate Effects on Fish Spawning Phenology (20 min). *Christopher Nack*
- Climate Change Drivers of Aquatic Habitats (SAV, Hudson River Tidal Wetlands, Shallows) (20 min). *Stuart Findlay, Ph.D.*
- Pathways to Invasions: The Species, Vectors for Introduction, and Potential Impact:
  - Through a Glass Darkly: How Invasions of Organisms Other than Fish Might affect Hudson River Fish Communities. (20 min): *David Strayer, Ph.D.*
  - Fish Invaders on the Horizon: Status of Round Goby and Other Threats (20 min): *Scott George*
- Audience Questions (15 min)

***Part Four: The Drivers of Change – The Science of Harvest  
March 15<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30***

- Intro (5 min) *James Morrison, President Hudson River Environmental Society*
- Coastal Fisheries and Hudson River Anadromous Species (20 min). *Isaac Wirgin, Ph.D.*
- Managing Hudson River Fish for Commercial Harvest and Recreation (20 min). *Gregg Kenney*
- Impact of Atlantic Ocean Bycatch (20 min). *David Secor, Ph.D.*
- The Striped Bass Recovery: A Harbinger of the Trade-offs and Challenges of Modern Fisheries Management (20 min). *Olaf Jensen, Ph.D.*
- Incorporating Climate Induced Changes into Fisheries Monitoring, Assessment and Management. (20 min). *Yong Chen, Ph.D.*
- Audience Questions (20 min)

***Part Five: Making Sense of it All  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:30-3:30***

- Intro (5 min). *Clay Hiles, Executive Director Hudson River Foundation*
- Celebrating Dennis Suszkowski (20 min). *Clay Hiles*
- What are the critical knowledge gaps and priority research areas? Report out from the invited sessions (10 min each):
  - Planning Hudson River Fisheries Science – *Jonathan Kramer, Ph.D.*
  - Ecosystem Research Perspective - *Christopher Solomon, Ph.D.*
  - Fisheries Management Perspective. *Gregg Kenney*
  - Physical Alterations – *Heather Gierloff*
  - Climate Driven Changes in Fisheries - *Katherine Mills, Ph.D.*
  - Introduced Species - *David Strayer, Ph.D.*



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- Panel Discussion and Open Forum (30 min). *Jonathan Kramer, Ph.D.*

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